

THE BOYS AT MANILA.

Frank Owens Writes Interestingly of Philippine Trouble.

ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST BATTLE.

How it all happened—Bravery of American Troops—Uncertainty of the Future. Boys Live Well—Fighting Expeditions Frequent—Frank Does Outpost Duty. Glimpse of a Soldier's Life.

CAMP STOTTSBERG, Eight Miles From Manila, February 9, 1899.—Dear Folks: Probably at this date you have received full particulars of the battles here. As my time is limited and I am exceedingly tired I will write but a few lines to let you know that I am all O. K., not even half shot and feeling as well as I ever did.

We have not had our clothes off for five days except to take a bath in the river. We have had trouble with the natives for some few weeks past, but Saturday night they tried to cross our lines and a guard in Co. D shot the leader, a lieutenant. That shot broke the bubble, and in less than three minutes the whole Philippine army was in action. There was a report that Julius Nelson shot him, but that was false. Only four or five of our company were wounded. Papers probably will give full description of how our regiment charged the bridge, and how we doubled time two or three miles in the hot sun and ran them back.

All regiments in the battle did well. The Utah battery did finely and our company captured two prisoners while charging a hill. A few of the boys got sick as soon as the battle commenced but the majority were brave and showed the true American spirit. I don't know how soon the trouble will end, nor how soon we can take off our clothes before retiring to our dog tents.

I have just word that I go on out post duty, as we put on 24 outposts every night, for the enemy are now about two miles from our camp.

Do we live well? You bet. We forage chickens, etc., every day, and today had roasting ears for dinner.

I must close as time and pencil are short. Excuse scribbling as I am writing on my haversack and it makes a poor desk.

Love to all and I will write you just as often as possible. Write soon. Goodbye from FRANK OWENS.

P. S.—I guess this sticks us here for two years.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Sheriff Losey of Madison is in town today.

C. F. Kane of Madison was in town today.

Wm. Chesnutwood left for Ames this morning.

M. D. Tyler is at Wayne today on legal business.

Mrs. H. Turner from Pierce was in the city today.

J. H. Henderson, the Clearwater merchant, was here last night.

Miss Renetta Korth is very low with inflammation of the bowels.

C. F. and Francis Eiseley are at Madison today on legal business.

Chas. Smith of Tilden is in the city on his way home from Madison.

Mrs. Dr. Tanner of Battle Creek visited friends in the city yesterday.

Judge Robertson and Geo. L. Whitman went to Madison this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans of Meadow Grove were in the city this morning.

Miss Anna Hoffman of Plainview is visiting at Frank Estabrook's home.

Frank Loomis and Robert Grattan of Stanton were Norfolk visitors last night.

Mrs. Chas. Rudat and daughter left for West Point to visit relatives a few days.

Miss May Dolen went to Wayne today. She will visit with relatives over Sunday.

Among those who visited the county capital today were Judge Powers, M. C. Hazen, Dr. Verges and Herman Gerecke.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Barnes, three miles northwest of the city, was

gladdened Tuesday by the arrival of an 8-pound boy.

Mrs. B. R. Butler, representing the Kansas City Homeopathic Co., was in the city today.

Misses Jennie and Lena Ward of Battle Creek spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Miss Lizzie Boeck returned from Omaha last evening where she has been visiting for two months.

Geo. Brochler, deputy county treasurer, is in the city today enroute to Battle Creek to see his best girl.

Hazel Brown was fined \$6.00 in police court yesterday afternoon for frequenting Norfolk saloons. She left town on the first train this morning.

Mrs. Henry R. Cobb and children arrived from Sioux Falls today. The family will go to housekeeping in the Humphrey residence on Eleventh street.

Mesdames C. H. Reynolds, W. H. Buchholz and W. N. Huse went to Omaha this morning to attend a party given this afternoon by Mrs. H. L. Whitney.

I. G. Westervelt is arranging to go back to his farm near Meadow Grove this spring. He will make his preliminary trip tomorrow, and remove his family later.

The Norfolk Jolly club, an association of young people, indulged in a masquerade at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hayes last evening. This Jolly club had a jolly time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blakeman visited friends in Pierce yesterday. They were accompanied home by Miss Mertie Wood of Casper, Wyoming, who will visit them a few days.

The Verges store, first door west of the post office, is to be occupied by Hartford & Slaughter as a barber shop and cigar store. Rembe the plumber will divide the room with them, each business being partitioned off by itself.

Attention is called to the advertisement in this issue of THE NEWS relating to the proposals for the site of the new public building to be erected in this city. The provisions should be carefully noted by prospective bidders.

The dancing party given at Mast hall last evening was one of the pleasantest events of the season. The music by Sasana, the harpist, was inspiring, the floor was in the condition and those attending were in excellent spirits for a good time.

The republican city central committee meeting at Mapes & Hazen's office this evening should be well attended. A candidate for member of the school board is to be named to fill vacancy on the ticket caused by the resignation of J. K. Hutcheson.

As Joe Horisky and wife were coming down the street past the Norfolk foundry this morning, a pile of crates suddenly fell across the sidewalk just behind them. Joe says he was somewhat frightened but not hurt, and he wants the fact recorded that he is pretty lucky himself, otherwise he would have been killed.

J. H. Shaw, the well contractor, has purchased a complete and brand new artesian well outfit and will push the new city well to the depth called for if necessary. He is authorized by the city council to go down 1,000 feet unless an abundance of water is found at a less depth. The well is already down nearly 500 feet.

A man with a jag was taken in charge by Marshal Kane last night. After occupying the cooler until morning he appeared before Judge Hayes where he registered as Thos. O'Donnell, Esq., and admitted that he had been well organized last night. The judge assessed him \$15.00, but as he had no funds he was escorted to the city limits and invited to vamoose.

Miss Helen Marquardt was the victim of a happy surprise party last evening. A large number of her friends gathered at Marquardt's hall and then the young lady was sent for. The surprise was complete, as Miss Marquardt was invited into visiting the hall on a pretext. Music had been provided and dancing was the order of the evening, which continued until a late hour, with a short intermission for refreshments at midnight.

The annual conference of the German Evangelical church for the state of Nebraska is being held at Hoskins. The sessions began yesterday and will be continued through next Sunday. It is a representative body of stalwart Germans vigorously pushing the claims of christianity among their people. There are upwards of eighty clergymen present, some of them of world wide reputation for their ability and eloquence. The meetings at Hoskins will close Sunday afternoon. In the evening at the German Evangelical church in this city there will be a great meeting at which most of the visiting pastors will be present. The sermon will be preached by Bishop Horn, of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the most eminent men in his denomination. The bishop after attending the Kansas conference will proceed to Japan to confer with workers there. Every body is cordially invited to attend the Sunday evening meeting.

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SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

A. L. Laggar of Sioux City was in the city today.

L. S. Strain of Wisner was a Norfolk visitor today.

W. J. Gow went to Meadow Grove this morning.

W. E. Bishop of Pierce was in Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. Holden was called to Madison this afternoon.

Miss Renetta Korth is reported as some better today.

Telephone No. 126 has been placed in Dr. Salter's office.

Sheriff George W. Losey of Madison was in Norfolk today.

E. S. Blair and P. H. Kohl of Wayne were in town this morning.

C. W. Hamilton of Creighton was a Norfolk visitor this morning.

Miss Ada Butterfield entertained a small party of friends last evening.

There was a pleasant social gathering at Miss Mabel Collamer's last evening.

The district court of Pierce county will convene at Pierce Monday, April 3rd.

E. C. Brooks of Randolph and E. J. Harden of Ord were in the city last night.

Miss Josie Hughes of Ainsworth was in the city today on her way to South Dakota.

Mrs. Dr. Holden entertained a company of ladies in the Heights yesterday afternoon.

The district court at Madison adjourned today until the last of May or the first of June.

The Barnet millinery opening today was well attended. The display of millinery was very fine.

O. A. Williams court reporter was in the city this afternoon. He leaves for Neligh on the evening train.

The republican central committee met yesterday and placed Dr. P. H. Salter in nomination for a member of the board of education.

J. M. Covert has the agency for Madison and Pierce counties for a recently invented harness repair outfit. It is a handy contrivance.

A petition signed by 23 votes in the Third ward, placing E. O. Mount in nomination as a candidate of the citizens party for councilman, was filed in the office of the city clerk last evening.

W. A. Huston of Ewing passed through Norfolk today on his way to the eastern markets where he will purchase a stock of dry goods which will be placed on sale in the Robertson building in this city. Mr. Ewing has leased the store room and promises to open out a well selected stock of goods within a short time.

Manager Sprecher of the Nebraska telephone company is a busy man these days. About 30 or 40 new phones are being put in, lines extended to all parts of the city and new connections made, all of which entails a large amount of work to be supervised and performed. The company is much gratified at the increase of business resulting from the recent reduction in rates.

There will be a local contest at the high school next Tuesday evening. Its object will be to determine who shall represent the Norfolk high school at the declamatory contest before the teachers' association to be held in this city April 5th. There will be a fine program at the contest Tuesday evening. Miss Maude Tannehill and Clyde Hayes will contend for the honor of being Norfolk's representative at the April contest in which representatives of numerous other towns will share.

Madison Star: The assessors of the county met Tuesday and agreed upon a schedule for assessment to be based on one-fifth actual valuation, and on live stock, horses should be valued at from \$5 to \$10; stallions and jacks at \$10 to \$20; stock cattle at \$3 to \$10; fat cattle at \$24 to \$30; blooded cattle \$40 to \$100; mules \$5 to \$80; sheep at 50 cents to \$1; hogs 3 cents a pound and all other property to be assessed at one-fourth its value. It was further decided that all oats exceeding 500 bushels and wheat in excess of 100 bushels should be assessed.

Ponca Journal: As we have said there will be a great invasion of northern Nebraska this year by good, substantial citizens from the east. They have heard of our unrivalled land, its fertility, its great and certain crops, its pure water, healthy climate and excellent enterprising citizens and are coming to buy, build and improve. Some will come to the towns, others will settle in the country. Together, they will be an important addition in energy, industry and wealth. The fact is that this influx from the east has already commenced. Cedar county is already feeling the good effect, and so are the counties of Wayne, Pierce, Madison and Dixon. Let us feel thankful that these fertile fields of this beautiful country have at last been smiled on by the gods of fate.

About 10:30 o'clock this morning L. C. Taylor was driving down Fourth street just south of The News office, when the span of blacks he was driving began to kick. In trying to check them they shied to the west side of the street turned off the sidewalk, throwing Mr. Taylor out. Mr. Taylor picked himself up somewhat bruised and his face scared. One horse broke away from the

team and ran east on Main street while the other with the buggy attached made its way to the Dudley livery barn, and striking the building made kindling wood of one front wheel, and then freed from the buggy made north by the depot. Both were soon caught. The team was uninjured, the buggy badly shattered and Mr. Taylor considerably disfigured. It was a narrow escape from a serious disaster.

The Ladies' society of the Congregational church is just completing arrangements for an art exhibition to be held here from April 5th to 12th. The place for holding it has not been decided upon. The Holman-Taylor Art company of Cleveland make a business of arranging and sending out their art exhibits. The one which is to be sent here will contain one hundred photographs, about 15x24 inches, mounted but not framed. There are copies of some of the most famous paintings, by the most celebrated artists of the world. In addition to this the ladies, through a personal friend, have been able to secure the loan of 30 water colors which were obtained abroad and received in New York a few days before Christmas. A great treat is in store for old and young. What can give us more pleasure, and at the same time educate us, than to see and study good pictures? There will be an opportunity for all to see this exhibit, for the hall will be open each afternoon and evening during the week and the price of admission will be very small. Watch the papers for further notice of this entertainment.

MONDAY MENTION.

The roads are drying up very rapidly. Frank Barnes was at Stanton Sunday.

J. M. Pitt of Wayne is in the city today.

Judge Barnes went to Clay Center today.

Prof. O'Connor is on the sick list today.

Your hens should lay colored eggs this week.

L. Mason of Pierce was a Norfolk visitor today.

Roy Read leaves for Chicago tomorrow morning.

J. A. Welley of Chadron spent Sunday in the city.

There are several Easter weddings already in sight.

John Huffman of York was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Frank M. Northrop of Wayne was in Norfolk over Sunday.

C. A. Davis, the Tilden stockman, was in town this morning.

E. G. Heilman, county clerk, of Madison, was in the city today.

George Williams went to Genoa Saturday with a carload of cattle.

If the weather bureau redeems its promises warmer weather is near at hand.

D. L. Upton, the Pierce lumberman and grain buyer, was in the city this morning.

Ernest Zutz is enjoying a visit from his brother-in-law, William Soenenken, of New York.

Yesterday was a disagreeable March day, the wind blowing cold from the north all day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Burrows spent Sunday in the city. They returned to Madison today.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Blatchley rejoice over the arrival of a bright boy at their home yesterday.

The Woman's club met with Mrs. M. C. Hazen this afternoon. There was a large attendance.

Miss Mabel Ellis, who is pursuing her studies at Crete college, is spending her Easter vacation with her mother in this city.

Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davenport, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is reported better.

W. A. Witzegman, cashier of the Meadow Grove state bank, was a visitor at the home of G. A. Luikart during Sunday.

Miss Lottie Sidler has taken a position as clerk in Johnson Bros' dry goods store. She entered upon her work this morning.

S. K. Dexter and wife of Lowell, Mass., are in the city, enroute to California. Mr. Dexter is the owner of the cold storage plant in this city.

Miss Clara F. Cutter arrived Saturday from Lowell, Mass., with the Dexter family. She has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the cold storage plant.

The clear bright sunshine has made it pleasant in still places where the wind didn't have any sweep today but where ever it has had any influence its been decidedly chilly.

There was a narrow escape from a blaze in Hall's barber shop Saturday evening. The floor underneath the furnace caught fire but it was discovered promptly and extinguished with a few pails of water.

C. A. McKim, of the class of '99 in the Chicago Veterinary college, was tied with a fellow member of the class as winner of the gold medal offered for the best scholarship. Mr. McKim and his mother are expected home from the east tomorrow.

Captain Tracy and family arrived

from Washington last evening. They will remain in Norfolk for the present. Although mustered out of service, it is still quite possible that Captain Tracy will be appointed to some position in the regular army and see active duty soon.

John Barnes, jr., returned from Lincoln last evening where he attended a banquet given Saturday evening by the Delta Tau Delta society of the state university in honor of some of the legislators who, as alumni, belonged to that society. Mr. Barnes is a member of this Greek society.

Confirmation services were held in both Lutheran churches yesterday. At St. Paul's the following were members of the class: Willie Zutz, Paul Zuelow, Fred Zitzkowski, Arnold Butow, Walter Geber, Emma Schulz, Clara Moldenhauer, Anna Raguse, Viola Dederman, Ida Sporn and Anna Henkel. At Christ's church the names of those confirmed were: George Wegener, August Viergutz, Herman Walter, Otto Gull, Ernest Manske, Carl Marquardt, Fred Miller, Willie Hoffman, John Benning, Paul Kell, Willie Piller, Gustave Simms, Carl Blank, Alvina Bick, Magdelena Leu, Wilhelmina Miller, Clara Crucke, Paulina Belling, Emma Buckendorf, Louisa Ehwaldt, Mary Voigt, Wilhelmina Schram, Emma Bick, Ida Laubach, Emma Christian, Emma Brummond, Elsie Maas, Ida Blank, Emma Laubach, Ida Broecker, Helen Wegener.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

George L. Iles left for the south today.

Mrs. A. T. Ayers of Creighton is in the city.

W. A. Spencer of Pierce was in Norfolk today.

Frank Holt of Neligh spent last night in the city.

Farmers are busy getting ready for their spring work.

W. E. Powers, of the Pierce Leader, was in the city today.

Dr. D. W. Greene returned from Grand Island last evening.

Judge W. V. Allen of Madison was in the city a short time today.

C. D. Jenkins, of the state hospital, went to Omaha this morning.

Telephone No. 128 has been placed in the Johnson Dry Goods Company's store.

Charles Remy and Charles Toler leave for Colorado this evening with Owen Bros.

Mrs. N. Drager of Ponca is visiting with Mrs. Louisa Schwartz at South Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Durland, with their little daughter, left for Omaha this noon.

Mrs. Chas. Stitt of Fremont is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. White.

Owen Bros. leave tonight for Colorado, where they have a grading contract for the Union Pacific.

William Neuman and wife of Stanton are visiting Mrs. Neuman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moldenhauer.

Julius Bantrock and Miss Helena Schroeder will be married at Christ Lutheran church next Monday.

The day has been more spring like than any that has preceded it but the wind is still in the north and decidedly chilly round the edges.

O. L. Hyde left for St. Paul, Minn., yesterday on business. Mrs. Hyde departed for Wakefield, Kansas, where she will visit for several weeks with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz are again pleasantly domiciled in their own home on Norfolk avenue. They have been spending the winter with Mrs. Bucholz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt.

The local declamatory contest to select a representative to the North Nebraska Teacher's association will be held tonight at the High school. A small admission fee of 10 cents will be charged to defray expenses.

The Knights Templar will attend services in a body at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. Rev. S. F. Sharpless, a member of the order, will preach the sermon. The Master Masons are invited to participate.

A message was received in the city today announcing that Mr. and Mrs. Victor Seymour of Lincoln had lost their month-old child. Its death occurred early this morning. Mrs. R. H. Reynolds, aunt of Mrs. Seymour, left for Lincoln today to attend the funeral.

W. W. Mangus horse ran away from him in the Heights yesterday morning. Mr. Mangus was dragged some distance and considerably lamed and bruised, the buggy was badly demoralized, while the horse took the railroad route, north. Although crossing three culverts, was finally rounded up at the sugar factory, uninjured.

Quite a few residents are changing their locations at the present time. Chas. Harding has rented and will move his family into the Iles house on Norfolk avenue. W. G. Baker will occupy the McMillan property vacated by the Hardings; while O. J. Johnson will take possession of his home on Koenigstein avenue, purchased last fall.

Chas. Reed living just south of town was thrown from a wagon, which he was driving yesterday morning, while

on his way to the city. He fell behind the horses, the wagon running over his left arm crushing it badly. Dr. Salter was called and Reed is getting along comfortably. It will be some weeks, however, before he can be at work again.

The Ben Hur entertainment at the Baptist church last night was a pleasing success. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed for an hour the deservedly popular story of Ben Hur, as told by Mr. Adams, as scene after scene from the story fell upon the canvas. The pictures were of the very finest and the work of the lantern justified all that has been claimed for it.

A very pleasant surprise was perpetrated upon Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Odiorne last evening at their home on Norfolk avenue by a party of friends who remembered that it was the tenth anniversary of their wedding day. The participants were either relatives or else those who were at the wedding 10 years ago. There were about 25 present. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Music was furnished by Mesdames Snyder and Ballock, and games and social chat made the hours pass away all too swiftly. Light refreshments were served. The company departed wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Odiorne many happy returns of the anniversary so pleasantly remembered last evening.

Sunday afternoon Geo. A. Latimer noticed a boy about 15 years of age, with some over shoes in his hand, approaching his piazza. There were several pair of rubbers that had been laid off by the door and the boy stealthily approached them, not knowing that he was observed from the inside. Just as he was about to take possession of them, Latimer suddenly opened the door, confronted the youth and told him to drop the rubbers. This he didn't do but proceeded to "light out" down the street. Latimer quickly pursued, but the boy proved the best sprinter of the two and soon left the lawyer in the distance. He dropped his booty, however, and now there are several pair of over shoes at Latimer's awaiting ownership. The larceny was about as bold and deliberate as could well be made. The boy's name is known and if he values his health and liberty he is advised to drop that kind of business. He can save himself a whole lot of trouble by strictly refraining from taking other people's footwear or other property.

A Perfect Man in the Right Place.

General Otis is perhaps the best man in the American army for the particular situation that has to be faced at the present time in the Philippines. He understands how to deal with men as well as he understands the art of warfare. Under his general authority, with the co-operation of the other able officers associated with him, the hardy western volunteers who make up the greater part of our army in the Philippines have been so trained and so disciplined that they are very possibly the best soldiers at the present moment that can be found any where in the world. Gen. Otis' long experience in the west has made him thoroughly acquainted with every element of the population. He knows how to deal with cowboys and he has had his fill of Indian fighting. His experience with Indians serves him excellent stead in fighting the Filipinos, whose methods are in some respects not unlike those of our own aborigines. General Otis is undoubtedly the most conspicuous figure that the activities of the American army in the past year have brought into promise. He is a man of untiring energy, of sterling character, of thoughtful and studious tastes, and of very superior intellectual endowments. The American army may well be proud of him, and the country may feel some such confidence in him as it feels in Admiral Dewey. His position has not been embarrassed by any attempt to hamper him with instructions from Washington. He will be thoroughly justified, from every point of view, in continuing energetic measures until the insurrection is entirely suppressed.—From "the Progress of the World" in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for March.

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